



Home Composting Resources

Try These Web Sites for Starters...

www.bae.ncsu.edu - go to “people”, “faculty”, “Rhonda Sherman”, “on-site composting” & “publications.”

A resource listing by NC State University faculty member Rhonda Sherman, including publications and lists of other publications on composting and vermicomposting.

www.biocycle.net - go to “article archives” click on BioCycle icon, and search list of archives by subject.

Numerous articles on home and large scale composting and vermicomposting from Biocycle magazine.

www.compostingcouncil.org

US Composting Council’s web site includes publications, discussion list, calendar of events and trainings from USCC, membership info. and more about organization.

www.compostinfo.com

Florida’s on-line composting center developed by Sarasota County. Includes composting tutorials and other technical resources.

www.cce.cornell.edu - use Search box to find topic specific info about composting.

Technical and educational information on composting, including publications and audio-visual materials.

www.extension.umn.edu - type “compost” in search box.

Fact sheets and guides on home composting and mulching.

www.mastercomposter.com

Guide to master composter programs in the US and internationally. Listings of composting and gardening products, interactive message board, technical resources and educational materials on composting issues.

www.muextension.missouri.edu - type “compost” in search box.

Numerous fact sheets on home composting and mulching.

www.plantfacts.osu.edu - type “compost” in search box.

Ohio State University links to fact sheets on composting, mulching and use of organic materials.

www.usda.gov - type “compost” or “mulch” in search box.

USDA provides basic home composting, vermicomposting and mulching information.

www.dnr.state.wi.us - click on search box and type compost.

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources site contains basic backyard composting and vermicomposting information.

www.uwex.edu/ces/shwec - go to “publications,” and in focus area, specify composting.

University of Wisconsin Solid and Hazardous Waste Education Center fact sheets on composting questions, bin construction, vermicomposting and more.

Books and Printed Materials

Backyard Composting: Your Complete Guide to Recycling Yard Clippings (revised 1997), Harmonious Technologies; at local bookstores and www.amazon.com. (new and used); \$6.

Basic Composting: All the Skills and Tools You Need to Get Started (Basic How-To Guides) (2003); Eric Ebeling, Patti Olenick & Carl Hursh; at local bookstores and www.amazon.com (new & used); \$16.95.

The Chemical Free Lawn (1998); Warren Schultz; available from local bookstores and www.amazon.com (new and used); \$15.

Compost (2001); Organic Gardening magazine; Rodale Books; www.amazon.com (new & used); \$9.95.

The Compost Book (1999); David & Yvonne Taylor; “can’s” and “can’ts” of composting with diagrams and drawings; www.amazon.com (new & used); \$23.35.

Compost Critters (1993); Bianca Lavies; color photographs, descriptions of who eats who in compost pile; Flowerfield Enterprises, 10332 Shaver Rd, Kalamazoo MI 49024, www.wormwoman.com and www.amazon.com (new & used); \$15.99.

Composting (Smith & Hawken) (1998); Liz Ball; at local bookstores and www.amazon.com (new & used); \$10.95.

Composting To Reduce The Waste Stream: A Guide To Small Scale Food and Yard Waste Composting (1991); from www.nraes.org (go to “publications” and search under Classic Books) or Natural Resource, Agriculture and Engineering Service Cooperative Extension, PO Box 4557, Ithaca NY 14852-4557; \$8.

Composting: Wastes to Resources (1996); J.F. Bonhotal and M.E. Krasny, from www.cce.cornell.edu - go to “environment”, “composting resources,” or Cornell Cooperative Extension Publications, Cornell University, 365 Roberts Hall, Ithaca NY 14853-5905, 607-255-2237; \$8.95.

Don’t Waste Your Wastes – Compost’em (1992); Bert Whitehead, Sunnyvale Press; at local bookstores, www.baproducts.com and www.amazon.com (new and used); \$8.

Easy Compost: The Secret to Great Soil and Spectacular Plants (1997); Brooklyn Botanic Garden; at local bookstores and www.amazon.com; \$9.95.

Home Composting: Reap a Heap of Benefits (brochure) WI DNR PUBL-SW-072-01REV

Home Composting: The Complete Composter (brochure) WI DNR PUBL-SW-18293

Yard Care: Do Your Share (brochure); WI DNR, PUBL-SW-073-01REV

Brochures available at local UW-Extension Offices, local Solid Waste/Recycling Depts. or WI DNR or downloadable at www.dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/wm/publications under Yard Waste section.

Home Composting Wheel (1994); compost basics; at www.ehmi.org go to “Product Research,” “by topic,” or EHMI, 10 Newmarket Rd., Durham, NH, 03824; 800-446-5256; \$2.99/ea; minimum order 50.

Let It Rot! The Gardener’s Guide to Composting (1998) 3rd ed., Stu Campbell; from Storey Books at www.storeybooks.com or 800/441-5700 and www.amazon.com (new & used), \$12.95.

Organic Gardener’s Composting (1993); Steve Solomon; at local bookstores and www.amazon.com (new & used); \$15.50.

The Rodale Book of Composting: Easy Methods For Every Gardener (1992); Debra Martin, et. al.; at local bookstores, www.amazon.com (new & used) or www.rodalestore.com; \$14.95.

Secrets to Great Soil: A Grower’s Guide to Composting, Mulching and Creating Health, Fertile Soil for Your Garden and Lawn (1998); Elizabeth P. Stell, Storey Books; at local book stores and www.amazon.com (new & used); \$19.95.

Taylor's Weekend Gardening Guide to Soil and Composting: The Complete Guide to Building Healthy, Fertile Soil (1998); Nancy J. Ondra and Barbara Ellis; at local bookstores and www.amazon.com (new & used); \$12.95.

The Urban/Suburban Composter: The Complete Guide to Backyard, Balcony and Apartment Composting (1994); Mark Cullen & Lorraine Johnson; at local bookstores & www.amazon.com; (new & used) \$13.

Worms Eat My Garbage: How to Set Up & Maintain a Worm Composting System (1998); Mary Appelhof; available at www.wormwoman.com or Flowerfield Enterprises, 10322 Shaver Rd., Kalamazoo, MI 49024, 616-327-0108; \$12.95.

Slide Sets, Videos and CD Roms

Backyard Composting CD Rom (2003); University of MN; includes history and compost tips with photos, movies and animated diagrams for homeowners, Master Gardeners and teachers; view screen-sheets & order at www.compost.umn.edu or 612-625-3135; \$19.95.

Composting, It's Recycling Naturally (2003); PowerPoint presentation, 54 slides; from University of WI Cooperative Extension; adapted from Penn State University Extension; includes colorful slides on basic composting, grass cycling and smart landscape choices; contact local WI County Extension Offices to borrow copy or contact SHWEC at UWSP, CNR, Stevens Point WI 54481, 715-346-2793.

It's Gotten Rotten; 20-min. video; composting science program for high schoolers showing compost critters and classroom use of compost for scientific investigations; www.cce.cornell.edu - go to "resources publications", "Ecological Impact Issues," and "recycling/composting" or Cornell University Resource Center, PO Box 3884, Ithaca NY 14852-3884, 608-255-2080; \$26.25.

The Magic of Composting; 13-min. video; humorous program on backyard composting; Recycling Council of Ontario, 489 College St., Suite 504, Toronto, Ont. M6G 1A5, 416-657-2797 or www.rco.on.ca - go to "information", "publications", "composting resources;" \$25.

Home Composting - Turning Your Spoils Into Soils; 17-min. video; basic backyard composting; CT DEP Recycling Program, 79 Elm Street, Hartford CT 06106-5127, 860-424-3365; or <http://www.dep.state.ct.us/wst/compost/cresource.htm> ; \$8.

Trade Journals and Newsletters

Biocycle, monthly journal of composting and recycling; JG Press, Inc., www.biocycle.net, 610-967-4135; \$69/year.

Composting News, electronic or paper monthly newsletter on composting and scrap wood management; McEntee Media Corp., www.recycle.cc/cnpage.htm, 440-238-6603; \$83/year.

Resource Recycling, monthly magazine on recycling and composting; www.resource-recycling.com, 503-233-1305; \$52/year.

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